

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

A method of reducing, treating or preventing drug-mediated respiratory depression, muscle rigidity, or nausea/vomiting in an animal, incident to the administration to said animal of a mixed delta/mu opioid agonist or a respiratory depression-mediating drug, comprising administering to the animal receiving said drug an effective amount of a delta receptor agonist compound. Preferred examples of such delta receptor agonist compound include diarylmethyl piperazine compounds and diarylmethyl piperidine compounds, and pharmaceutical compositions thereof, having utility in medical therapy for reducing respiratory depression associated with certain analgesics, such as mu opiates.